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VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL

**RE: Bayonne Barrel & Drum Site, Newark, NJ
Progress Report No. 25**

Dear Mr. Cosentino:

On behalf of the Bayonne Barrel & Participating Parties and pursuant to Paragraph 23 of the Administrative Order on Consent, enclosed please find three (3) copies of Progress Report No. 25 covering the period from February 1, 2006 through February 28, 2006.

In addition to reporting on the subject work, this progress report also contains an update of activities associated with remedy selection at the site.

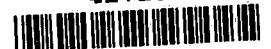
Very truly yours,

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**BAYONNE BARREL & DRUM SUPERFUND SITE
PROGRESS REPORT NO. 25**

February 1, 2006 through February 28, 2006

Description of the Actions Taken Toward Achieving Compliance with the Administrative Order on Consent Since the Previous Report:

- Site security continues to be maintained at the site.

Summary of all Results of Sampling, Tests or Other Data Received or Generated Since the Previous Report:

- Data loggers were installed in selected monitoring wells for a period of approximately three weeks. Slug tests were also performed on certain monitoring wells. This data collection activity is in support of the groundwater modeling being prepared in response to NJDEP's comments to the RI Report.
- NJDEP and EPA were notified of an observation made at monitoring well UST-1. An apparent lens of product was observed in the monitoring well while water level measurements were being collected at the site.

Completed Deliverables Since the Previous Report:

- None.

Actions Planned Prior to Submittal of Final Completion Report:

- Maintain site security.
- Continue Monthly Progress Reporting.
- Finalize and submit Final Report.
- Await approval from NJDEP on Work Plans submitted in November and December 2005 regarding perimeter soil sampling and storm sewer mapping.
- Proceed with groundwater modeling in accordance with NJDEP's comments to the RI Report.
- Complete slug tests and collect groundwater samples at select monitoring wells for geochemical parameters in support of the modeling activity.
- Await response from the agencies to the Remedial Action Selection Report submitted in December 2005.



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Percentage Completion:

- Work Plan Submittal and Approval- 100%
- Construction Operations Plan Implementation - 100%
- Post-Removal Site Control Plan - 0%
- Final Report - 0%

Delays Encountered or Anticipated:

- None currently identified.